

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1. A print by reference method executable by a portable  
2 wireless device, the method comprising the steps of:  
3                 obtaining a reference to print content stored at a location  
4 indicated by the reference; and,  
5                 wirelessly communicating the reference to another device to  
6 initiate a print by reference of the print content.

1           2. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies  
2 billing information.

1           3. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies  
2 print format information.

1           4. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies  
2 time and date information.

1           5. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference comprises a  
2 Universal Resource Locator.

1           6. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 number of copies of the print content to be printed by a print device.

1           7. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 security access code.

1           8. The method of claim 7 wherein the security access code  
2 enables usage of a print device.

1           9. The method of claim 7 wherein the security access code

2 enables usage of a print service.

1                   10.     The method of claim 7 wherein the security access code  
2     enables access to the print content.

1                   11.     The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2     providing security data to the another device.

1                   12.     The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2     discovering the another device.

1                   13.     The method of claim 12 wherein the step of discovering  
2     the another device further comprises the step of communicating a discovery  
3     signal to the another device.

1                   14.     The method of claim 13 wherein the step of discovering  
2     the another device further comprises the step of receiving a response to the  
3     discovery signal from the another device.

1                   15.     The method of claim 13 wherein the discovery signal  
2     comprises a request for information about a capability of the another device.

1                   16.     The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2     communicating a status request to the another device.

1                   17.     The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
2     receiving a status message from the another device.

1                   18.     The method of claim 17 further comprising the step of  
2     displaying the status message received from the another device.

1               19. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of obtaining the  
2 reference comprises the step of downloading the reference from a network.

1               20. The method of claim 19 wherein the step of downloading  
2 the reference from the network further comprises the step of selecting a  
3 hyperlink associated with the reference.

1               21. The method of claim 1 wherein the another device  
2 comprises a print service adapted to use the reference to obtain the print  
3 content.

1               22. The method of claim 21 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 print device to which the print service is adapted to transmit the print content.

1               23. The method of claim 21 further comprising the step of  
2 receiving the print content from the print service.

1               24. The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of  
2 passing the print content to a print device for printing.

1               25. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of wirelessly  
2 communicating the reference comprises the step of wirelessly communicating  
3 the reference in a Bluetooth format.

4               26. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of  
5 enabling the entry and storage of identity information that specifies an identity  
6 of the another device.

1               27. The method of claim 26 further comprising the step of

2 enabling the selection of the another device from among a menu comprising a  
3 list of devices.

1                   28. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of wirelessly  
2 communicating the reference to another device further comprises the step of  
3 adding information to the reference.

1                   29. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference specifies a  
2 locator, the locator identifying a location of a print service.

1                   30. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference further  
2 specifies a print format data specifying that the print content should be printed  
3 beginning on a new sheet of paper.

1                   31. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference further  
2 specifies an address associated with the portable wireless device.

1                   32. A print by reference method executable by a portable  
2 wireless device, the method comprising the steps of:  
3                   obtaining a reference to print content stored at an Internet  
4 location indicated by the reference;  
5                   including the reference in a communication signal formatted  
6 according to a Bluetooth communication protocol; and  
7                   wirelessly communicating the communication signal to a print  
8 device thereby causing the print device to use the reference to retrieve the print  
9 content from the Internet and to print the print content.

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6 according to a Bluetooth communication protocol; and  
7 wirelessly communicating the communication signal to a print  
8 service thereby causing the print service to use the reference to retrieve the  
9 print content from the Internet, to format the print content for printing, and to  
10 pass the print content to a print device for printing.